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1. FOLLOWING IS ISO TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF REMARKS MADE
BY REPRESENTATIVE OF USSR (POLEZOHAEV) AT INAUGURAL
SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT 1977.

BEGIN QUOTE.

"THE DELEGATION OF THE USSR DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO RECALL
THAT AT THE TIME OF SIGNING AND DEPOSITING THE INSTRU-
MENTS OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT
OF 1977 THE FOLLOWING RESERVATION WAS MADE ON BEHALF OF
THE SOVIET UNION WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE RESERVATION MADE
BY THE USSR TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT OF 1968.
"IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN VIEW OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC
SYSTEM OF THE USSR THE PROVISIONS OF THOSE ARTICLES
OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH RELATE TO THE LIMITATION OF
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PRODUCTION, SUGAR STOCKS, AND SUB-
SIDISING OF PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS ARE NOT APPLICABLE
TO THE USSR."
IN THIS CONNECTION THE DELEGATION OF THE USSR DRAWS
ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THIS RESERVATION, PARTICULARLY
WHERE IT CONCERNS STOCKS, RELATES, AS INDEED THE EARLIER
RESERVATION DID, TO ALL ASPECTS OF STOCKS, INCLUDING

THEIR ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCING."

END QUOTE.

STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH USUAL SOVIET DECLARATIONS ON
PARTICIPATION OF EC, REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND DEPENDENT
TERRITORIES.

2. TEXT OF SOVIET RESERVATION IS SIMILAR IN WORDING TO
RESERVATION MADE TO 1968 ISA. MAJOR TEXTUAL DIFFERENCE IS
1968 RESERVATION REFERRED TO "MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM STOCKS
OF SUGAR".

3. IN JANUARY 17 COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF USSR RESERVATION
UNDER AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING RESERVATIONS UNDER ARTICLE
78 PARA 2, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN (EL-BOUS OF EGYPT) POINTED
OUT THAT WHILE RESERVATION IS SIMILAR IN TEXT TO 1968,
BECAUSE OF SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN 1968 AND 1977
ISAS, IT MAY NOT BE SIMILAR IN EFFECT. CHAIRMAN REQUESTED
USSR TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON WHICH PROVISIONS OF
WHICH ARTICLE MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

4. USSR REP (AS TRANSLATED) INSISTED 1977 RESERVATION
IDENTICAL TO 1968 AND THEREFORE NOT SUBJECT TO COUNCIL
REVIEW. HE ARGUED THAT 1968 ISA HAD PROVISIONS FOR
STOCKHOLDING AND FINANCING AND THAT ONLY METHODS ARE NEW
IN 1977 ISA. HE SAID THAT "A FEW IMPORTING COUNTRIES
TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO OFFER TO FINANCE STOCKS",
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ADDING THESE PROVISIONS WOULD NOT APPLY TO USSR. A
NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US, SAID THEY MUST CON-
SULT GOVERNMENTS BEFORE COMMENTING AND SUPPORTED CHAIR-
MAN'S REQUEST FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION. MATTER LEFT TO
MAY COUNCIL MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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